I AM the Resurrection and the LIFE
He who believes in Me though he may die he shall live
And whoever lives and believes in ME shall never DIE

John 11:25-26
+Soli Deo Gloria+

The Worship Service Celebrating
The Life and Heavenly Homecoming of
Dennis Drew “Duke” Walker
September 4, 1949-February 14, 2021

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

OPENING SONG: “Old Rugged Cross”
Verse 1
On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'rering and shame;
And I love that old cross, where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Chorus
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

Verse 2
O the old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

Chorus
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

Verse 3
In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me.

Chorus
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

Verse 4
To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
It's shame and reproach gladly bear.
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

Chorus
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

INVOCATION:
Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the {+} Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM:
Pastor: In Holy Baptism Dennis Walker was clothed with the robe of Christ’s righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?”
People: We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.
PSALM 27:1-4

27 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
2 When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.
3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
4 One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY:
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.
O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Dennis and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.
FIRST READING: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7
3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. 6 If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. 7 Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:31-39
31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 11:21-27

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

21 Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” 23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” 24 Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” 27 She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES’ CREED:
I believe in God, The Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life {+} everlasting. Amen.

**HYMN: “Blessed Assurance”**
**Verse 1**
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

**Verse 2**
Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Chorus
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

**Verse 3**
Perfect submission – all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
Chorus
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 4
Vict’ry o’er Satan, death, and the grave,
O what a joy to know that I’m saved!
Claiming no merit, works of my own,
All glory, praise be to God alone!

Chorus
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

OBITUARY

SERMON

HYMN: “He Is Here” - Dalend Mackey

PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed by Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION
Pastor:  The Lord bless you and keep you.
         The Lord make His face shine upon you and be
         gracious unto you.
         The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and
         {+} give you peace.
People:  Amen.

CLOSING SONG:  “Ave Maria” by Celine Dion
Dennis Drew “Duke” Walker was born to Drew and Pauline (Blankenship) Walker on September 4, 1949, in Newton, Iowa. Duke was one of seven children, having three brothers and three sisters. Duke was baptized in the Christian faith in 1957. He was an avid sports fan and played football for Newton High School where he graduated in 1967. He attended college in Mason City.

Duke was united in marriage to Janet Daggett on January of 1993, and became a loving and caring father to Sherry Daggett (Minshall).

Duke began his long-time career with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc., an engineering firm, located in West Des Moines, Iowa. He worked as an Engineer Technician/Inspector from May, 1984 until his retirement on October 25, 2013. After 29 years of employment, he continued to work on a part-time basis for the firm on various projects until 2020.

Duke will always be remembered for his love of the Iowa State Cyclones and the St. Louis Cardinals. The drive to St. Louis, Missouri became a summer family tradition, attending many Cardinal baseball games with his grandkids. For over two decades, he held premier season tickets on the 50 yard line for Iowa State football where he would cheer on his favorite team with family members.

With the conclusion of the fall sports season, each February Duke would make his way West. Each year he visited his siblings who reside in Colorado. Duke also enjoyed escaping Iowa’s long winters by vacationing in Nevada, where he enjoyed the sunny weather and excitement of the slot machines.
Duke lived his entire adult life in Adel, Iowa. His final days of retirement were occupied by attending Faith Lutheran Church, local football games and spending time with his grandkids. Surrounded by his family, Duke entered his heavenly home on February 14 at the age of 71 as a result of COVID-19.

Left to remember a life well-lived, are his siblings Dean (Lisa) Walker of Colorado; Sherry Price of Arizona; Mike (Connie) Walker of Colorado; brother-in-law Roger Smith; sister-in-law Sally Walker; son-in-law Jeremiah Minshall of Iowa; grandchildren Drew, Brandon, Tanner and Allie Minshall of Iowa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Drew and Pauline Walker; wife Janet Walker; daughter Sherry Minshall; sister Jackie Shepley; sister Paula Smith; and brother Alan Walker.

The family of Duke Walker wishes to thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it is deeply appreciated. Duke’s untimely death reminds us we must all be vigilant in helping prevent the spread of Covid-19 and show love and respect to our neighbors and friends.

And so we say with the apostle Paul. *I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of life, and not only for me, but also for all who have longed for Christ’s appearing.* 2 Timothy 4:7,8
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